

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Penny for her honorable and meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Linda Penny is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary forty years of service to the people of Tennessee during her tenure with the Tennessee Energy Authority, the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, Linda Penny has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Penny received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Murray State University in 1977 and a Master of Public Administration from Middle Tennessee State University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Penny began her employment with the State of Tennessee as a program evaluator with the Division of State Audit in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury in 1978, and next with the Tennessee Energy Authority; and

WHEREAS, she served as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission for thirteen years, an independent agency now known as the Health Services Development Agency which operates Tennessee's certificate of need program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Penny returned to the Office of the Comptroller in 2001 as a legislative auditor; since 2010 she has held the position of legislative and policy coordinator; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Comptroller's Office, Ms. Penny has been an integral part of the office and a vital confidante to Comptroller Justin P. Wilson on legislative and policy analysis as well as other governmental issues; and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in creating innovative legislative tracking programs and helping to establish a rapid response system to respond to legislative inquiries; and

WHEREAS, Linda Penny's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Penny is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and she has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Linda Penny has also worked tirelessly for her church, Belle Meade United Methodist Church, and is an essential part of its worship committee; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Linda Penny is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, William L. Penny, their son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Katie, and their granddaughter, Emerson; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Penny is an avid University of Tennessee donor and fan who fully supports the Volunteers, so much that so she wears two watches, one always on "Neyland Stadium" time. She is frequently donning her big orange outfits in the Legislative Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Linda Penny is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and making Tennessee government work better for all Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Ms. Linda Penny for her honorable

and exemplary service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, much continued success working with the Comptroller until that time, and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.